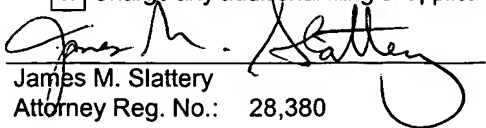




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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2005 (Paper No. 20051219) the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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